

March 13, 1967

Mr. Jim Garrison  
District Attorney  
City of New Orleans  
New Orleans, Louisiana

RE: Sergio Arcacha Smith

Dear Mr. Garrison:

This is to advise and notify you that I represent Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith and as such want to review the information you have in speaking with him concerning your current investigation.

Prior to my being retained by Mr. Arcacha your investigator and Assistant District Attorney made an appearance here in Dallas and wanted to speak with Mr. Arcacha concerning the investigation. At that time Mr. Arcacha agreed to talk with your investigator here in Dallas, provided he be asked questions in the presence of either officials of the City of Dallas Police Department or the District Attorney's Office or his attorney. At that time, it is my understanding, your investigators refused to talk with him under these circumstances. Subsequently, they returned to New Orleans and have not discussed the matter with him since.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1967, I had a telephone conference with your investigator and informed him that Mr. Arcacha was willing to discuss this entire matter with you or your representatives here

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in Dallas in my office with me present. I also expressed a sincere and deep desire that no publicity be given to this matter. Since that date I have had no less than four newsmen call attempting to confirm that you were coming to Dallas. I know that no such information has originated from my office. Undoubtedly, you realize that this investigation and the mentioning of his name in connection with the investigation has caused him considerable inconvenience and disturbance. In fact, I feel that perhaps even his entire future has been jeopardized by your actions, and perhaps even his life.

In this regard, I am writing to request that you inform me whether or not you intend to talk with Mr. Arcacha and if so when it will be convenient to talk with him. Similarly, if you are not interested in talking with Mr. Arcacha any further, please so indicate to me in writing. Furthermore, if you are not interested in talking with Mr. Arcacha and if you are satisfied that Mr. Arcacha is not connected with or beneficial to your investigation in any manner, I want you to indicate to me in writing that Mr. Arcacha was not involved, etc or as a principal or accessory in any manner in the investigation which you are presently conducting. I am certain that you understand that in order for Mr. Arcacha to continue his normal life and be productive he must have something in writing from you to indicate to interested individuals pertaining to his work that he was merely a peripheral figure in your investigation.

Your prompt reply to this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Hernandez

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